

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0093] with the following amended paragraph:

[0093] Preferably, the length of the tobacco plug 80 of the cigarette 23, the length of the heater footprint 95, and the distance between the heater footprint 95 and the stop 182 are selected such that the heater footprint 95 extends beyond the tobacco plug 80 and superposes a portion of the void 94 90 by a distance 98. The distance 98 is also referred to as the "heater-void overlap" 98. The distance over which the remainder of the heater footprint 95 superposes the tobacco plug 80 is referred to as the "heater-filler overlap" 99.

Please replace paragraph [0094] with the following amended paragraph:

[0094] The length of the void 94 90, tobacco plug 80, and the distribution of the perforation holes 263 may be adjusted to adjust the smoking characteristics of the cigarette 23, including adjustments in its taste, draw and delivery. The pattern of holes 263, the length of the void 90 and the amount of heater-filler overlap 99 (and heater-void overlap 98) may also be manipulated to adjust the immediacy of response, to promote consistency in delivery.